

CHAPTER 7

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION AND ENTITLEMENT DETERMINATION IN RELATION TO RAAF CLOTHING AND ACCOUTREMENTS

Introduction

1. CAF has delegated to DCOORD-AF authority to approve changes to the RAAF uniform and various orders of dress. Additionally, DCOORD-AF is the approving delegate for changes to RAAF Scales of Entitlement.
2. A number of agencies provide support with the management and supply of RAAF clothing and uniforms.
3. Four committees are established to provide specialist advice, evaluations and recommendations to DCOORD-AF in relation to RAAF clothing and associated equipment. These are:
 - a. The Non Operational Clothing Steering Committee (NCSC),
 - b. The Flying Clothing Steering Committee (FCSC),
 - c. The Combat Clothing and Equipment Steering Committee (CCESC), and
 - d. The Technical Clothing Working Group (TCWG);

Non Operational Clothing Steering Committee

4. The NCSC is responsible for reviewing proposed changes to the general RAAF uniform and making recommendations on such matters to DCOORD-AF. With the introduction of new items, the Committee is to set up wearer trials, monitor the outcomes and when final approval is given, establish provisioning, entitlement and distribution policy. Flying, combat and special protective clothing is not included in the NCSC's charter.
5. *Composition of the NCSC.* The NCSC is to comprise:
 - a. Deputy Director Uniforms Air Force, AFHQ (Chairman),
 - b. Service Womans' Adviser (appointed by AFHQ),
 - c. SO1 Non Combat Clothing JMA,
 - d. SO2 Non Combat Clothing JMA,
 - e. Technical Clothing Adviser JMA,
 - f. OIC Air Force Clothing Entitlements AFHQ, and
 - g. Warrant Officer of the RAAF,
 - h. SNCO i/c Clothing Hotline JMA (Secretary).

With the Chairman's agreement, other RAAF, ADF and Defence personnel, as well as contractors' representatives may attend meetings to provide specialist input and advice.

6. *Meetings.* The NCSC is to meet at intervals of three months. The Secretary is to distribute the agenda to members well in advance of each meeting. Because the majority of Committee members are based in Melbourne, meetings will normally be held in that location, at JMA, Victoria Barracks.

Flying Clothing Steering Committee

7. The FCSC is responsible for reviewing the function, suitability and design of flying clothing and related accoutrements and for introducing of new items when considered necessary. The FCSC is to investigate and make recommendations on any Defect Report raised in relation to flying clothing. All FCSC proposals for new flying clothing, changes to design or amendments to flying clothing entitlements are to be forwarded to DCOORD-AF for final approval.

8. *Composition of the FCSC.* The FCSC is to comprise:

- a. Deputy Director Flying Safety – ADF (Chairman),
- b. SO1 Combat Clothing – JMA,
- c. Clothing Technical Adviser – JMA,
- d. OIC Air Force Clothing Entitlements AFHQ,
- e. A Navy and Army representative, and
- f. Secretary (to be arranged by the Chairman)

With the Chairman's agreement, other RAAF, ADF and Defence personnel, as well as contractors' representatives may attend meetings to provide specialist input and advice.

9. *Meetings.* The FCSC is to meet at intervals of three months. The Secretary is to distribute the agenda to members well in advance of each meeting. The Chairman, after liaison with Committee members, is to decide on the venue for each meeting.

The Combat Clothing and Equipment Steering Committee

10. The function of the CCESC is to oversee the design and development of Air Force combat clothing and equipment and liaise with JMA and AFCE on the provisioning of and entitlement to such items. Committee proposals to introduce new equipment and amend entitlements are to be ratified by DCOORD-AF. The Chairman CCESC is to act as the specialist officer for RAAF combat clothing and equipment.

11. *Composition of the CCESC.* The CCESC is to comprise:

- a. Deputy Director Logistic Capability AFHQ (Chairman),
- b. HQAC representative,
- c. HQCSG representative,
- d. JMA representative
- e. OIC Air Force Clothing Entitlements AFHQ, and
- f. HQTC representative.

(A Secretary is to be appointed by the Chairman).

With the Chairman's agreement, other RAAF, ADF and Defence personnel, as well as contractors' representatives may attend meetings to provide specialist input and advice.

12. *Duties of Chairman.* The Chairman of the CCESC is to:

- a. oversee the design and development of combat clothing and equipment and act as RAAF specialist officer for these items,

- b. liaise with JMA on matters affecting combat clothing and equipment,
- c. review proposals for changes to the entitlement to combat clothing and equipment and make recommendations to DCOORD-AF for final approval,
- d. attend meetings of the Army Combat Clothing Committee as the senior RAAF representative, or if unable to attend, appoint an appropriately qualified person to be present.

13. Meetings. The CCESC is to meet at intervals of three months. The Secretary is to distribute the agenda to members well in advance of each meeting. The Chairman, after liaison with Committee members, is to decide on the venue for each meeting.

Technical Clothing Working Group

14. The TCWG is responsible for reviewing the function, suitability and design of technical clothing and related accoutrements and for introducing of new items when considered necessary. The TCWG is to investigate and make recommendations on any Defect Report raised in relation to technical clothing. All TCWG proposals for new clothing, changes to design or amendments to technical clothing entitlements are to be forwarded to DCOORD-AF for final approval.

15. Composition of the TCWG. The TCWG is to comprise:

- a. SOTWSF-DGTA (Chairman),
- b. TWD2-DGTA, and
- c. OIC AFCE AFHQ;

(The Chairman is to appoint a Secretary for each meeting)

With the Chairman's agreement, other RAAF, ADF and Defence personnel, as well as contractors' representatives may attend meetings to provide specialist input and advice.

16. Duties of the Chairman. The Chairman of the TCWG is to:

- a. oversee and co-ordinate the design and development of RAAF technical trades clothing and related equipment, and liaise with JMA on these matters, where applicable;
- b. oversee the supply and withdrawal of RAAF technical trades clothing and related equipment, and liaise with JMA on these matters where applicable;
- c. review proposals for changes to design of and the entitlement to RAAF technical trades clothing and related equipment and make recommendations to DCOORD-AF for final approval,

17. Meetings. Meetings are to be held at three monthly intervals and, if required, ad hoc meetings are to be arranged to discuss urgent issues.

Division of Responsibility Between Committees

18. Where any doubt exists about which Committee or body has prime responsibility in relation to the management of a particular item of clothing or equipment, DCOORD-AF is to be requested to provide direction on the issue.

Joint Materiel Agency

19. Joint Materiel Agency (JMA) is responsible for the purchase and distribution of RAAF clothing, as well as technical support in relation to quality control and the development of new products. Representatives from JMA are to attend each meeting of the NCSC, FCSC and CCESC and meetings of the TCWG as appropriate.

Air Force Clothing Entitlements

- 20.** Air Force Clothing Entitlements Section (AFCE) is responsible for:
- a.** the maintenance, publication and distribution of all RAAF scaling publication in relation to clothing, accoutrements and associated equipment,
 - b.** the provision of advice to RAAF management and units on scaling matters,
 - c.** the interpretation of RAAF Clothing Scales when required,
 - d.** liaison with ADF and RAAF clothing stores to provide information on policy and entitlements, and
 - e.** administration of approved wearer trials.